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1. THREE ITEMS ON THE CEAUSESCU VISIT.
2. YOUR 66122 ON THE KIND OF CONTRIBUTION WE MIGHT MAKE TO PREPARATIONS CROSSED OUR 1635, WHICH WAS INTENDED AS JUST SUCH A CONTRIBUTION. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED (AND THANK YOU FOR) BELGRADE'S SUPERB PERSPECTIVES PAPER FOR THE TITO TRIP. SINCE WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF OVERLAP BETWEEN YOUR IDEAS ON WHAT WE MIGHT SEND AND WHAT WE ACTUALLY SENT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR REACTIONS TO 1635 BEFORE WE TAKE A CRACK AT FILLING IN THE GAPS WITH A TITO/CEAUSESCU COMPARISON/CONTRAST PAPER.
3. AS WE BEGIN TO DRAW TOGETHER OUR IDEAS ON PROPER RESPONSE TO ROMANIAN DRAFT DECLARATION, WE ALSO NEED EARLY REPORT ON GLIGA'S DISCUSSIONS AND USG STATE-OF-PLAY ON WHOLE DECLARATION QUESTION.
4. IT OCCURRED TO US LONG AGO THAT CEAUSESCU INTERVIEW WITH AMERICAN REPORTERS OR MAJOR AMERICAN COMMENTATOR WOULD BE FINE PUBLIC SCENE-SETTER FOR VISIT, AND P&C HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING ROMANIAN PRESS PEOPLE TO TAKE MATTER IN HAND THCGUGH

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WASHINGTON EMBASSY (PLOSCARU). BUT THEY SEEM NOT TO HAVE DONE SO, AND WE SUGGEST YOU JOG THEM A LITTLE AFTER CHECKING WITH USIS/ICA. IF RESTON IS STILL IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND WILLING, HE WOULD OF COURSE BE IDEAL. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE SOMETIME CBS COMMENTATOR AND SEVEREID DAUPHIN ROD MACLEISH, WHO TOLD ME LAST SUMMER HE WENT AROUND ROMANIA WITH CEAUSESCU DURING THE 1968 POST-CZECHOSLOVAK MOBILIZING TOUR,

I BELIEVE AS A CORRESPONDENT FROM BELGRADE, AND THEREFORE
KNOWS (AND IS KNOWN BY) HIMSELF.
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